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In re application of:  
Shehzad T. MERCHANT, et al.

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For: **APPARATUS, METHOD AND  
SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING  
NETWORK SECURITY**

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Examiner: Nguyen, Minh Dieu T

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **August 6, 2008**, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **December 6, 2008**. (December 6, 2008 is a Saturday, so December 8, 2008 is an allowable due date.). A constructive Petition under 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time is included herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 02453.0020.NPUS00.

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